

FRANKLIN AS AN INVENTOR.

Catalogue of His Achievements, Showing His Activity and Resource.

Philip G. Hubert, Jr., in a sketch of Franklin in his recent book, "Inventors," says, "Nothing in nature failed to interest him; and a catalogue of his achievements, showing his activity and resource, is conclusive proof of the truth of both statements."

Franklin inspired and established the Junto, the pleasantest and most useful American club of which we have knowledge.

He founded the Philadelphia Library, parent of a thousand libraries, which marked the beginning of an intellectual movement of endless good to the whole country.

He first turned to great account the engine of advertising, indispensable in all modern business.

He published "Poor Richard," a record of homely wisdom in such shape that hundreds of thousands of readers were made better and stronger by it.

He created the post-office system of America, and was the first champion of a reformed spelling.

He invented the Franklin stove, which economized fuel, and he suggested valuable improvements in ventilation and the building of chimneys.

He robbed thunder of its terrors, and lightning of some of its power to destroy.

He founded the American Philosophical Society, the first organization in America of the friends of science.

He suggested the use of mineral manures, introduced the basket willow, promoted the early culture of silk, and pointed out the advantages of white clothing in summer.

He measured the temperature of the Gulf Stream, and discovered that northeast storms may begin in the southwest.

He pointed out the advantage of building ships in water-tight compartments, taking the hint from the Chinese, and first urged the use of oil as a means of quieting dangerous seas.

Besides these great achievements, accomplished largely as recreation from his life-work as economist and statesman, Benjamin Franklin helped the whole race of inventors by a remark that has been of incalculable value and comfort to theorists and dreamers the world over.

When some one spoke contemptuously of Montgolfier's balloon experiments, and asked of what use they were, the great American replied in words now historic, "Of what use is a new-born babe?"

A Famous Creole Woman Dead.

One of the most picturesque characters in New Orleans passed away a few days ago in the person of Dame Veuve (widow) Marie Madeleine Zoe Cruzat Peychaud, "Tante Zoe," as she was known to the entire creole population of New Orleans.

Mme. Peychaud was 53 years of age. She had figured so conspicuously from her very childhood in the society and history of New Orleans, and her memory was so bright, that she seemed far older than the century.

She was of the best creole stock, a granddaughter of that Chevalier Chalmette (Chalmette de Lino) upon whose plantation the battle of New Orleans was fought, which Louisiana folks always called the battle of Chalmette, and the daughter of that Senator Cruzat who was Governor of all the vast Missouri territory of Spain which stretched from the Mississippi to the Pacific.

When after the victory of New Orleans, the population of that city, with the Gallic love for display, welcomed General Jackson with pomp and ceremony in the Place d'Armes, now Jackson square, it was little Zoe Cruzat, then a girl of 12, dressed in white, with gay red and blue ribbons, and representing Louisiana, that placed a laurel wreath on the brow of the victorious General.

Tante Zoe was but 16 when she married and but 22 when she became a widow, yet she leaves scores of descendants, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren behind her.

From 1820 almost to the time of her death Mme. Peychaud was the leader of creole society. She had the proscenium box at the first opera ever given in New Orleans. She entertained in brilliant style the Duc d'Orleans, Louis Philippe of France, when a refugee in America. She led in the balls, the opera, and everything else.

When her youth passed away Mme. Peychaud remained the idol of the creole world. There was never a sick person in the French quarter whose bedside she did not visit, nor any one in trouble who did not consult her; and her Thursday levees, which she kept up until she was 90, were the rendezvous of young and old, for Mme. Peychaud could tell the most delightful stories of old creole days.—New Orleans Correspondence New York Sun.

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TO INCREASE SPEED OF SHIPS.

System of Pipes Spreads a Film of Petroleum Below the Water Line.

The invention of a simple and inexpensive device for accelerating the speed of ships and preventing barnacles and corrosion has recently been brought to the attention of the Chief of Construction and other officials of the Navy Department in Washington, with the result that Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo has appointed Chief Engineer George Cowie, Jr., U. S. N., stationed at the New York Navy Yard, a commissioner to witness a test of the idea on a large scale and report on it to the department.

The invention consists of a mechanism which envelops the submerged portion of a ship with a film of oil, thus reducing friction and overcoming to a large degree the resistance of the water.

A series of iron flanges are fastened along the bottom and sides of the ship below the water line, in which are inserted sheets of woven wire netting, lathing or sheet iron, covered with an absorbent composition saturated with oil. The flanges have a semicircular covering on top, below which runs a finely perforated pipe, which ejects a fine spray of oil against the inside of the flange and on to the sheets, from which it spreads downward.

The oil is not carried away by the water, but through capillary attraction is spread, thus keeping the ship's hull greased without any waste of oil.

It is said that the composition is a perfect carrier of oil under the surface of the water, a feature which has never before been achieved and which will make oil perform below the water line the same service that it does in quelling a rough sea.

It is said for the invention that, applied to any vessel, either steam or sailing, it will increase the speed by at least twenty-five per cent without augmenting the amount of machinery or the expenditure of fuel.

Another and most valuable feature claimed is that it will prevent the growth of barnacles. These enemies to ships' hulls necessitate frequent dry docking and scraping, at large cost.

The inventor also declares that the fatty composition will completely prevent corrosion of hulls.

The oil used is crude petroleum, and is supplied to the pipes by tanks and valves located above the water line. The system is so arranged that in rough weather a large quantity of oil can be discharged along the sides of the ship and distributed over the surface of the water, thus providing a more effective method of greasing and smoothing high seas than any yet devised.—New York Herald.

FASHION NOTES.

Belts of bias satin are sometimes gathered at intervals up and down and the stitches covered with jet sequins.

The newest thing in wedding veils is tulle with a ruffle of rose point all around the edge.

Boleros of lace and wide draped belts fastened with rhinestone buckles are features of wedding gowns this season.

Tucking in all forms is in great vogue just at present, and small nuton leg sleeves are tucked from the shoulder to the waist in graduated widths, the widest tucks being at the top.

Tan gloves are quite as fashionable as white for calling and the street, but white, pale yellow and pink are the proper tints for evening dress, except with a black costume which requires a black glove. The four-button length is worn with the long sleeves.

The fashionable evening headdress of two or three fathers with an algrette of two arranged high on the crown of the head, has an importance in the screening business which is rarely surpassed by the correct evening bonnet; and a pretty Parisian suggestion is a wreath of violets around the coil of hair, whether it is done up on the top of the head or on the nape of the neck.

Wired loops of black velvet ribbon thickly spangled with gold or silver, form one of the many styles of headdress worn at the opera, but three short curling ostrich tips in black, with one short algrette, arranged so that two of the tips curl down close to the hair and one stands up, make the prettiest possible decoration for light brown hair.

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THE WORLD AWHEEL.

A Big Bicycle for the Paris Exposition—Other Gosstip.

The bicycle built for two thousand, to be seen at the Paris Exposition of 1900, will be the very behemoth of bicycles—the largest wheel ever built. It could be ridden only by a giant more than twice as tall as the Colossus of Rhodes. Upon it such a rider could scorch around the world in about the time required by an ordinary wheelman for a spin through Central Park.

It is, in fact, a carefully constructed edifice of the best Bessemer steel; and what the Eiffel Tower was to the last Paris Exposition the big bicycle will be to this. Unquestionably, it is to be the star attraction of the great exhibition.

This monster wheel will be taller than any of the tall buildings surrounding it. Its saddle would just overtop Weather Prophet Dunn's observation tower on the roof of Gotham's tallest office building. All the other dimensions are in proportion. But the big bicycle is a very complete building in itself. It has two large entrances, one at the bottom of each of its wheels, cut right through the tires. Winding stairways lead from the doors up the front and back of each wheel through the forward and rear standards to the backbone of the machine. Thence spiral steps ascend to the handle bar and saddle.

The stairs are lighted throughout by numerous windows of quaint design, through which great variety of views can be obtained as the sightseer mounts to the top of the structure. As he is constantly turning in his ascent the outlook changes with every step, and he enjoys a magnificent natural panorama. Particularly fine will be the prospect from the windows of the handle bar.

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THE LIBERTY LEAGUE.

An Organization That Opposes the Election to Office of Extremists.

Londoners and New Yorkers, who have long been afflicted with societies for the prevention of this, that and the other, or organizations for the promotion of fads of every description, should take example from certain of the residents of New Zealand, the land of advanced ideas. These residents arrived at the conclusion that civilization was advancing with too rapid strides in New Zealand and that individual rights and liberties were being trodden under foot by faddists.

They accordingly formed an organization named the Liberty league, the members of which are pledged to oppose any person who stands for election who is an extremist upon any subject injuriously affecting the rights of citizens, and to conserve what remains of individual liberty, and to win back the rights of which the people have been robbed by predatory enactments.

Some time ago total prohibition of the liquor traffic was enforced in certain parts of the country, with the result, as borne out by high church dignitaries, that these districts are now noted for drunkenness. Notwithstanding this fact, the prohibitionists are determined to force their ideas upon the whole colony. One of the objects of the Liberty league is to resist by every constitutional means the attempts of the prohibitionists to stop the manufacture, sale, importation or use of liquor in the colony.

In the recent elections for members of the house of representatives the league worked strenuously against the prohibition candidates, with the result that they were everywhere defeated. It is hoped that henceforth the socialistic legislation of the New Zealand parliament will be checked through the influence of the leaguers, who include some of the most prominent men of the country.—New York Sun.

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